

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

December 4, 2018

Cerissa Cafasso  
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**Re: OSTP-FOIA-19-011**

Dear Ms. Cafasso:

This letter responds to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) on November 20, 2018.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the request sought several categories of records related to Ivanka Trump, including:

- All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, Facebook or Twitter Direct Messages), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between (a) any political appointees\* at your agency and (b) any person in the Office of the White House, including any person whose email address ends in @who.eop.gov, discussing, concerning, or related to Ivanka Trump (or alternatively styled "Ivanka Kushner") and her use of non-governmental email, including any email address ending in @ijkfamily.org.
- All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, Facebook or Twitter Direct Messages), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between (a) any political appointees\* at your agency and (b) any person in the Office of the White House, including any person whose email address ends in @who.eop.gov, discussing, concerning, or related to Ivanka Trump (or alternatively styled "Ivanka Kushner") and FOIA.

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552.

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- All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, Facebook or Twitter Direct Messages), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) of any political appointees\* at your agency discussing, concerning, or related to Ivanka Trump (or alternatively styled "Ivanka Kushner"), FOIA, and the law firm WilmerHale. This request includes communications directly with the law firm WilmerHale.
- All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, Facebook or Twitter Direct Messages), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) of any political appointees\* at your agency discussing, concerning, or related to Ivanka Trump (or alternatively styled "Ivanka Kushner"), FOIA, and the law firm Norton Rose Fulbright. This request includes communications directly with the law firm Norton Rose Fulbright.
- All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, Facebook or Twitter Direct Messages), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) of any political appointees\* at your agency discussing, concerning, or related to Ivanka Trump (or alternatively styled "Ivanka Kushner"), FOIA,

and the law firm Winston & Strawn. This request includes communications directly with the law firm Winston & Strawn.

Following receipt of this request, OSTP performed a search of its files and was unable to locate any records responsive to the request.

Accordingly, this completes the processing of the request and OSTP now considers the request closed. Pursuant to the FOIA and OSTP regulations, a requester may submit a written appeal contesting any adverse determination.<sup>2</sup> Any appeal related to the processing of this request must either be sent: 1) via e-mail to [OSTPFOIA@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:OSTPFOIA@ostp.eop.gov); or 2) by mail to Chief FOIA Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Eisenhower Executive Office Building, 1650 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20504.<sup>3</sup> In the appeal letter, please specify OSTP Control No. 19-011, "the records requested, and the basis for the appeal."<sup>4</sup> Any appeal must be sent to the above listed addresses no later than ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this letter.<sup>5</sup>

Finally, requesters also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from OSTP's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). To employ these services, please contact Andrew Mendoza via telephone at (202) 456-4444 or by way of e-mail at [OSTPFOIA@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:OSTPFOIA@ostp.eop.gov). To contact OGIS, please do so in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphia Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: (202) 741-5770  
Fax: (202) 741-5769  
Toll-free: 1 (877) 684-6448

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or by way of e-mail.

Sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i)(III)(aa); 32 C.F.R. § 2402.7(a).

<sup>3</sup> 32 C.F.R. § 2402.7(b).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i)(III)(aa).